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I think the proposed Microsoft(MS) settlement is a bad idea. I do not think that it effectively punish's MS for their actions. I think that MS is taking advantage of the judicial system and the amount of time that it takes to get a court case through the system. When the public was first hearing of the anti-competitive practices that MS was using in the browser war against Netscape, Netscape was the #1 browser. The judicial process took so long and MS continued in their anti-competitive ways that MS is now the #1 browser. I think MS purposefully dragged out the judicial process in this matter, they knew how long it would take to get the case through court. Due to the highly dynamic and accelerated nature of computer technology, MS would have web browser dominance by time any settlement was reached in court. Once they have browser dominance, what kind of disciplinary action taken against them would matter? They get fined a few hundred million? a few billion? What difference will that make when their browser is on the majority of peoples computers.

Any questions? please feel free to contact me.

Thank You